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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE SITUATION IN GERMANY.

Completely Dependent on the Entente.

London, December 18.
The statement by Herr Haase, cable yesterday, in reference to the Crown Council at Potsdam, was made in the course of an interview with the Danish newspaper *Politiken*.
The interviewer asked:—Do any documents throw light on the mysterious Crown Council at Potsdam? Herr Haase replied that the whole question was doubtful.

Herr Haase declared that the present Government would not recognise the Reichstag. The German workers wanted a Socialist Republic, but that could not be established immediately. Whatever the composition of the new National Assembly, the Germans would not dissolve it. Regarding the Spartacus group, Herr Haase said their power would grow only if the economic position became aggravated.

Speaking on the results of the war, Herr Haase declared that Germany was wholly impotent and in complete dependence upon the Entente. He said:—“We have no strength to renew the war. Even a non-Socialist Government would not entertain that idea.”

Imperial Congress of Soviet Meets.

Amsterdam, December 17.
A message from Berlin says the Imperial Congress of Soviets has opened at the Prussian Diet Building. Herr Ebert and other members of the Government were present. Herr Ebert appealed for unity and declared that the Government would be regulated by the Soviets until the National Assembly met.

The Soviet by a large majority decided to exclude Herr Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.
Liebknecht's followers angrily demonstrated outside the building and threatened to overthrow the National Assembly.

Movement to Separate from Berlin.

London, December 15.
The political situation in Germany is quiet, but the movement favouring a separation from Berlin grows. It seems inevitable that Rhenish Prussia will separate therefrom.
Travellers from the interior state that great fear of Bolshevism prevails; therefore Herren Ebert and Schiedemann are strongly supported everywhere, and the Liebknecht Party is rapidly losing ground except in the centres where unemployed demobilised soldiers are gathering.

National Defence Army Formed.

Amsterdam, December 17.
Herr Ebert, in a speech in Berlin, said the economic and political situation was most serious. He protested against the very high Allied demands and announced the establishment of a new National Defence Army which would protect the National Assembly.

GERMANS NOT WANTED.

Durban Takes a Firm Stand.

London, December 18.
Reuter's correspondent at Durban says there was unparalleled enthusiasm at a packed meeting of many thousands in the Town Hall which passed a resolution strongly advocating the repatriation of interned enemy subjects, particularly Germans, and also punishment for the ill-treatment of Allied war prisoners and the retention of the ex-German Colonies.

A feature of the meeting was the reading of a telegram signed by over three hundred men at the Potchefstroom Training Camp, endorsing the objects of the meeting.

A similar meeting is being arranged at Johannesburg as the result of a petition to the Mayor.

The Government's Intentions.

London, December 15.
Reuter's correspondent at Ladysmith, writing on the 8th inst., says Mr. Burton, Minister of Railways, addressing his constituents and dealing with recent South African resolutions favouring the repatriation of enemy subjects, announced that the Union Government had decided, unless the peace terms precluded such action, to repatriate, firstly, all enemy subjects who desired repatriation; secondly, all enemy subjects and British subjects of enemy origin whose conduct caused them to be regarded as dangerous to the State; all naturalised subjects who desire de-naturalisation to be de-naturalised prior to repatriation. The Government could not comply with the demand for the wholesale repatriation of enemy subjects, which would be unjust, unreasonable and contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and the best interests of the country. Mr. Burton pointed out that enemy subjects in South Africa were generally law-abiding and peaceful, many having fought on the British side in the war.

TURKEY'S PLIGHT.

Unprecedented Distress in the Capital.

Constantinople, December 13.
Unprecedented distress prevails here among the poor, owing to the extraordinarily high cost of living. Trade, commerce and finance are at a complete standstill and the peasants are refusing to accept paper money for their produce. Rings formed by proteges of the late Government still possess large stocks of provisions. Unless the Government requisitions these or fresh supplies arrive soon, amelioration of the situation will be impossible.

The Austro-German and Bulgarian Diplomatic Missions and other prominent Austro-Germans have departed in accordance with the terms of the Armistice.

The general opinion is that owing to the chaos it is doubtful whether the Turks are capable of carrying out the reorganisation of the country unaided.

NEW RUMANIAN MINISTRY.

London, December 16.
A message from Jassy says M. Bratianu is forming a National Ministry.

QUEEN OF NORWAY VISITING ENGLAND.

London, December 16.
The Queen of Norway arrived in England to-morrow.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE ASSASSINATION OF PORTUGAL'S PRESIDENT.

High Politicians Said to be Implicated.

London, December 18.
A message from Lisbon says it transpires that the President's assassin was not lynched but badly injured. Before he was arrested the police fired a volley, killing three persons. An accomplice, named Jose Costa, a Democrat, has been arrested. He declared that several others, including high politicians, are implicated.

Murdered President's Brother Wounded.

London, December 16.
Antonio Pais, a brother of the murdered President, was wounded by a sabre in the confusion after the assassination. It is believed the assassin belonged to the Young Republican League. It is understood that Senhor Barbosa, Minister of Interior, will temporarily succeed the late President Pais.

The whole city continues to be agitated. Both Chambers have been summoned, and there is a strict censorship on news.

The Provisional President.

London, December 17.
Admiral Canton Castro, Minister of Marine, has been elected Provisional President of Portugal.

HAPPENINGS IN RUSSIA.

British Squadron Bombards the Bolsheviks.

London, December 16.
An Estonian communiqué says the British Squadron in the Gulf of Finland bombarded the Bolsheviks both in the rear and front sections. The enemy's advance on Assefin has been brought to a standstill.

The mobilisation of the Estonian Army is progressing successfully.

Bolsheviks Defeated.

Peking, December 16.
A message from Vladivostok says the Bolsheviks have been severely defeated at Ekaterinburg. Three brigades of Soviets were out up.

Kieff Occupied by Counter-Revolutionists.

Amsterdam, December 18.
A message from Kieff says counter-revolutionary troops operating with the Germans have occupied the town. The Hetman has abdicated and the Cabinet resigned.

Bolsheviks to Evacuate Capital.

Stockholm, December 17.
Members of the Danish Legation who have arrived from Petrograd state that the situation there is rapidly becoming worse. The Bolsheviks intend to evacuate Petrograd, owing to the action of the Allies, and to increase the Red Army from one to three millions.

THE COTTON TRADE DISPUTE.

Operatives Approve the Settlement.

London, December 16.
A meeting of cotton operatives at Manchester unanimously approved the settlement. The operatives will receive an advance of fifty per cent on the standard piece price list, which is about ten per cent below the full claim, but more than the employers offered originally.

HOME CRICKET.

The County Championship Revived.

London, December 18.
A meeting of the County Cricket Advisory Committee decided to run the County Championship in 1919. Matches will be limited to two days. There will be no change in the number of balls to the over.

YACHT RACING.

Sir Thomas Lipton's Challenge.

London, December 13.
The Royal Ulster Yacht Club has accepted on behalf of Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the American Cup to the New York Yacht Club.
The yacht Shamrock the Fourth which has been laid up during the war in a specially constructed shed at New York, is believed to be in perfect condition.

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL SMUTS.

London, December 18.
General Smuts, in a letter to the Premier resigning his seat in the War Cabinet, points out that the appointment was purely a war measure, ending with the conclusion of hostilities. The Premier has not yet replied.

POLAND AND GERMANY.

A Severance of Relations.

Amsterdam, December 16.
A message from Berlin says Poland has severed relations with Germany on the ground that the Germans are co-operating with the Bolsheviks against the Poles.

FRENCH WOMEN WANT VOTES.

Paris, December 17.
Four great French feminist groups have demanded the recognition of women's political rights before the next Elections.

REPORTS CONCERNING GENERAL MACKENSEN.

Amsterdam, December 17.
According to a message from Budapest the Aust states that the Government has interned General Mackensen. Mackensen was recently reported to be in Berlin, so apparently he has returned from Hungary.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE CROSSING OF THE RHINE.

British Troops Create Impressive Scene.

London, December 15.
Reuter's correspondent with the British Army, telegraphing on the 15th inst. from Cologne, describes the British cavalry crossing the Rhine as one of the most impressive ceremonies of the war.

A guard of Lancos was drawn up on the left side of the Hohenzollern Bridge, and, opposite, Generals Plumer and Jacobus and their Staffs took up a position under the bronze equestrian statue of the Kaiser. For two hours, brigades of Lancos, Dragoon Guards and Hussars, together with artillery, armoured cars and transport sections, flowed over the bridge. At the saluting point the band played and as the first cavalry detachment swung past the band struck up "Rule Britannia" and the Union Jack was hoisted by the side up the statue. It was a magnificent spectacle, the men and horses being in perfect condition.

Large crowds assembled to watch the procession, but there were no demonstrations. The absolute docility of the German in the presence of authority was strikingly demonstrated. Only a few military police regulated the crowd, who were told to keep on the pavement, and none stepped off. Many of the spectators were demobilised German soldiers still in uniform. They could not withhold their admiration of the splendid condition of the men and horses, for in the space of a few days they witnessed the passage of two armies across the Rhine—on a defeated and the other a victorious army. The contrast must have been amazing.

Limits of Occupation Zone Reached.

London, December 17.
The French entered Wiesbaden on the 15th inst.
Writing on the 14th inst. Reuter's correspondent at Cologne says the British crossed the Rhine in force by four bridges from nine o'clock in the morning till late in the afternoon. It was a most impressive spectacle. A crossing was simultaneously made at Bonn. The cavalry have reached the limit of the zone of occupation around the bridgeheads.

ENTENTE WAR PRISONERS.

Regular Repatriation Begins.

Berne, December 13.
The regular transport of Entente war prisoners from Germany began today. Four trains leave daily for France, each conveying 700 to 800 prisoners. It is estimated that 75,000 French and British prisoners will be thus repatriated. Prisoners in Northern and Central Germany will be repatriated by a more direct route.

Repatriations by Sea.

Copenhagen, December 14.
From the 17th inst onwards, four large transport steamers will ply between Helsingfors and Havre and twenty smaller steamers will be continually employed repatriating war prisoners from Germany. Two steamers with British troops arrived here last evening.

FUTURE OF FINLAND.

Freedom from the German Yoke.

London, December 15.
M. Mannerheim, who left Newcastle on the 14th inst. for Helsingfors, to assume his new office, interviewed by Reuter, said his policy would aim at getting the best terms possible with the Allies to secure recognition of the complete independence of Finland by all the Powers and to establish a definite form of government based on co-operation between all parties. He had conferred with leading statesmen in London and Paris and was delighted with the reception given him. He said it will also be part of his policy to conclude a rapprochement with their Scandinavian neighbours and enter into good relations with the real Russia which must emerge from the present chaos. Finland in the meantime would be happy to open her frontiers to Russian refugees. Finland was in great need of food and the Allies had arranged to send her regular monthly shipments of food. M. Mannerheim believed all the German troops had not left Finland. The Commercial Treaty concluded between Finland and Germany was cancelled a few days ago.

AMERICA IN OLD WORLD POLITICS.

A Plea for No Secrecy.

London, December 16.
The French and British newspapers hail President Wilson's visit to Europe as one of the great events of history.
The *Times* says the entry of the United States into the complex politics of the Old World and her assumption of the duties which the step involves are incomparably the most important events of our times.

Other newspapers echo President Poincaré's hope that the right of the entente deliberately and systematically perpetrated by the enemy will set off President Wilson as it affected the American troops.
The *Manchester Guardian* makes a strong plea for a policy of full publicity regarding differences between the associated Governments; not that reporters should attend the Peace Conference, but that the main differences can only be overcome by being forced into the light, thus compelling extravagant or unjust claims to be definitely stated and openly defended, and bring the public opinion of the great nations of the world to bear on them. It follows from this that the first need is the abolition of the censorship.

FRENCH HOTEL KEEPERS BAN GERMANS.

Paris, December 17.
The Hotel Keepers' Union has decided neither to employ or accommodate persons of enemy origin for ten years.

COAL STRIKE IN GERMANY.

Riots at Dresden.
Copenhagen, December 17.
A strike is spreading in the Ruhr coalfields. Sixteen thousand are now out and a serious coal shortage is threatened. Riots broke out at Dresden on Sunday, when five were killed and many wounded.

TELEGRAMS.

Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Effect of the Allied Note.

London, Dec. 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Peking says the recent Allied note to the Chinese Government urging the cessation of strife between North China and South China has had a remarkable effect. At a meeting of the Cabinet the President read a telegram from the Canton Government proposing a Peace Conference at Shanghai. Tuan Chi-jui, the military, has agreed that internal peace ought to be restored, and the Cabinet has unanimously resolved to arrange a Conference immediately.

HONGKONG REFORM.

Demand for Popular Representation.

Under the auspices of the Constitutional Reform Association a public meeting is to be held at the Theatre Royal, City Hall on Thursday, 9th January next, at 6 p.m. The Hon. Mr. P.H. Holyoak will be in the chair, and the following resolution will be proposed:—

That this public meeting of Hongkong residents, whilst affirming its unwavering loyalty to the Crown and Empire, is of opinion that the instructions to His Excellency the Governor relative to the mode of selection of members of the Legislative Council require amendment in such a way as to secure:—
Firstly.—That as regards all the Unofficial members of the said Council (other than the two Chinese members) the principle of election instead of nomination shall be applied.

Secondly.—That the number of Unofficial members shall be increased from six to eight.

Thirdly.—That the number of Official members shall be reduced from eight to seven.

Fourthly.—That of the six elected unofficial members (all of whom shall be British subjects) two shall be elected by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce; one by the Justices of the Peace and three (one of whom shall be of Portuguese race) by the Sanitary Board Electorate composed of Jurymen and persons qualified for but exempt from Jury service; and in order that due and prompt attention and consideration may be given to the opinion thus publicly expressed this meeting requests the Government to transmit this resolution by telegram to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Unsafe Roads.

Bowen and May Roads are not too safe for pedestrians, for a Japanese nurse at the Peak Hospital was walking along the footpath leading from Bowen Road and May Road, when a Chinese came from behind and tried to snatch her gold necklace. She struggled with him, but she was thrown on the ground by the desperado and he also struck her on the head and arms and snatched her hand-bag, which contained a purse containing \$14. The man disappeared, leaving no address behind.

Tram Car Hits Motor Car.
Whilst motor car No. 155 was backing in Des Voeux Road, just opposite the Bank of Canton, a tram car ran into the motor car and badly damaged it. Nobody was hurt.

Restrictions Removed.
The American Consul-General has received information from Washington to the effect that export restrictions on the shipment of money and animal skin to the United States have been removed.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Music with Meals.

Music, offered by a restaurant proprietor to clients who come for lunch, tea, or dinner, is not an entertainment, and is, therefore, not liable to taxation under Finance Act of 1916. This was the decision of three out of five judges of a Divisional Court of the King's Bench Division, who recently heard an appeal by Messrs. Lyons and Co. on the point. Messrs. Lyons had been convicted by a London magistrate on two summonses taken out with respect to the Trocadero Restaurant. One summons related to a Sunday evening dinner, and the other to an afternoon tea. The magistrates held that these were entertainments within the meaning of the Act, music being provided. Justices Darling, Lawrence, and Bailhache upheld the appeal, deciding that the dinner did not pay for admission to an entertainment. Justices Salter and Shearman took the opposite view, but the appeal was allowed with costs, and the conviction quashed.

Doctors To Strike?

Threats of a strike were made by panel practitioners at the annual conference of the British Medical Association recently. It was complained that the scale of payments to rural doctors was quite inadequate, and that they were working the Insurance Act at a loss. One speaker suggested that they should refuse to attend panel patients at a distance of over five miles. In support of the demand for an increased capitation grant, it was pointed out that everything had been raised except the price of medical services, and several doctors made the suggestion that they should strike on November 19 unless Mr. Bonar Law granted their application. A million a year was mentioned as the sum necessary for the purpose. Speaking for Scotland, the chairman, Dr. Trevor, said that not 1 per cent. of the panel doctors would support a strike. On a show of hands the motion to take immediate steps to secure the increase of the capitation fee was lost by 53 to 39.

Oxford in War time.

Oxford reassembled for the new academic year—the fifth under war conditions. The number of freshmen—150—is in excess of last year, but is still a long way short of the 900 or 1,000 who used regularly to invade Oxford at this period. Many of the newcomers are discharged soldiers, and the titles "Lieutenant" and "Captain" are quite a feature of the college list. St. John's can boast a fresher who has won the Military Cross, viz., Captain L.N. Lowndes. There are only six Rhodes Scholars, two from Natal and one each from New Hampshire, South Africa, Newfoundland, and Queensland. Overseas sailors and soldiers scholars, discharged soldiers who were given the opportunity of matriculating before returning to their homes, number twenty. The five ladies colleges are full, and number altogether nearly 400 students.

Divorce Judge "Censors" Letter.

Mr. Justice Roche cut short the reading of a letter during a divorce suit recently. The case was one in which Mrs. Beatrice Emmeline Hewlett obtained a decree nisi against her husband, Mr. Henry William Hewlett, an actor, who was said to have been associated with the late H. G. Pellinier in the Follies. "I ask you," ran the letter from Mr. Hewlett to his wife, "to believe as one who has loved furiously, to understand that I love Dolly O'Ford with a love ten thousand times deeper and greater than that... She is simply my world, my mind, my soul, my heart." At this point the judge declined to hear any more.

200 Blind Soldiers Wed.

Sir Arthur Pearson, in a letter of thanks to the Lord Mayor of London for the sum of \$14,279 recently collected in the City for the children of blinded soldiers and sailors, stated that over 800 blinded soldiers have been married from St. Dunstons. Many of them married girls who were blind, and some of them married girls who were blind.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The "Daily Chronicle."

Mr. Robert Donald (says the Press Association) has resigned his position as managing director of the United Newspapers, Ltd., and as editor of the *Daily Chronicle* and *Lloyd's Weekly News*. Mr. Donald has been associated with the *Daily Chronicle* for over twenty years and was for a time News Editor of the paper under Mr. H. W. Massingham. He was appointed Editor of the *Daily Chronicle* on January 1, 1904; took charge of *Lloyd's News* in 1906; joined the board of the United Newspapers, Ltd., when that private company was formed eight years ago, and was appointed managing director in 1911.

Why not a Public Defender?

At present we have a Director of Public Prosecutions. The necessary corollary is a Public Defender. Why should we not have one? The question was discussed recently at a luncheon at the Imperial Restaurant, Regent-street, when Mr. J. A. Seddon, an ex-president of the Trade Union Congress, presided. There is already a Public Defender in the United States, and Mr. H. B. Irving, the Rev. R. J. Campbell, Mr. Cecil Chapman, and Sir A. Conan Doyle wrote approvingly of the scheme. Mr. Seddon's only comment was: Why has it never been thought of before?

Music not a Luxury.

Mr. Landon Ronald, speaking at the prize-giving at the Guildhall School of Music recently said for the past 20 years no better musical education was to be had anywhere in Europe or America than was to be got in London. But he was the first to admit that musical education abroad was as good and very much cheaper. That was because music was supported by every Government in Europe excepting our own. We in England had yet to admit that music was a necessity and emphatically not a luxury.

Work for the Disabled.

Active steps are being taken, in conjunction with the Minister for Labour, to secure the employment of disabled men after the war, said Mr. Hodge, Pensions Minister, in the Commons recently. He had circulated all local authorities, inviting them to agree to a definite arrangement to give preference where practicable to disabled men in the local public service, and he had approached the large public corporations connected with water, gas, and electricity supply with the same object.

Dances for Officers.

An influential committee has been formed with the approval of the military authorities to conduct a series of dances for officers of the British and Allied Forces in London. A number of prominent ladies and gentlemen have consented to act as hostesses and patrons. The dances will be run on the strictest lines, but it is said they will afford officers and their friends opportunities of dancing under conditions which cause no opening for criticism.

Statue of Nemesis for New Louvain Library.

The Græco-Belgian League, recently formed at Athens, has decided to order marble for the reconstruction of the University of Louvain. Mr. Svoronos, professor at the Athens University, representing a group of savants and artists, will send to the library of the University of Louvain a collection of rare books and works of art, including a statue of Nemesis, at present in the Athens Museum.

New Gas for Airship.

The discovery of an inert non-flammable gas designed for use in balloons, dirigibles and other lighter-than-air craft has been announced by the Navy Department. The new element, called Argon, will eliminate the hazard of fire and explosion that heretofore has accompanied balloon operations where hydrogen has been used for inflation.

The New Religion.

When asked his religion at the Birmingham Police Court, a boy aged 13, answered, "Oedipus." It was explained that he attended a "Panda" Meeting House.

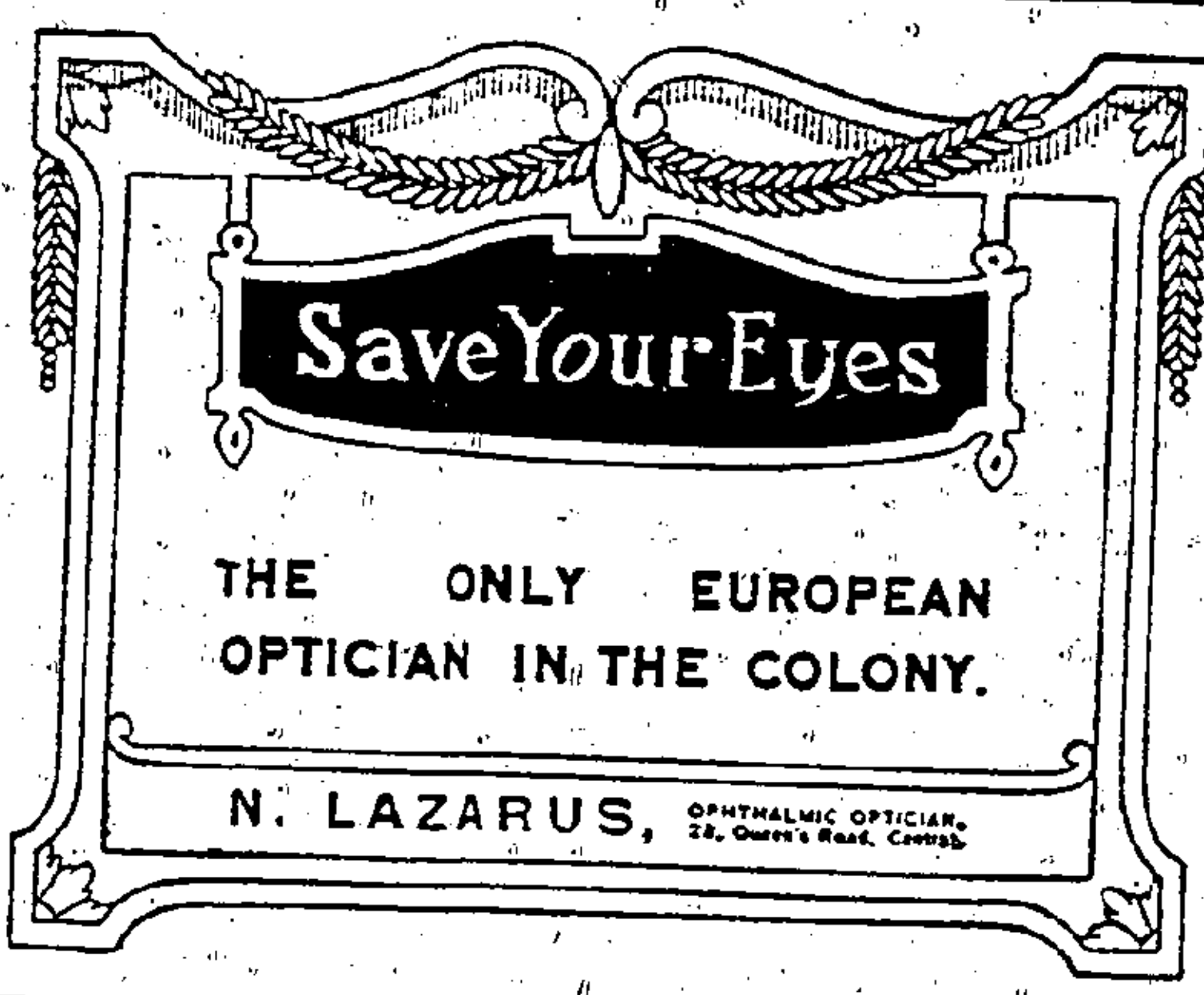
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GENERAL NEWS.

General and an Official Dance.

Brigadier-General F. W. Hill, of the Canadian Army, successfully appealed recently against a fine of 25 imposed at Epsom, under the Petrol Restriction Order, for having used a Government car to attend a dance. The General argued that it was his duty to attend the dance, which was an official one, organised by the commanding officer for the express purpose of meeting junior Canadian officers.

Bank Clerks Organising.

A movement is on foot to organise bank clerks on a large scale by an extension of the operations of the Bank Officers' Guild. The object of the Guild is to give bank staff an organisation, recognised by directors and partners, as the medium for representing their grievances directly to the Board. In spite of increases of salary and war bonuses, bank clerks are declared to be relatively worse off now than before the war. The committee of the Guild is in touch with the Ministry, and it is proposed to ask the Government to set up the committee of directors and staffs' representatives as suggested in the Whitley Report.

"Not too Scrupulous."

When an appeal was made at the Middlesex Sessions recently a meeting of justices to urge larger support being given to the Middlesex Prisoners of War Fund, Sir Herbert Nield referred to the shocking stories told in the last two days of the tortures inflicted on British prisoners. He urged that the Government should not down the ration allowed to German prisoners in this country, the difference in cost to be devoted to alleviating our men's sufferings in Germany. Sir William Crump said the Hague Convention would not allow this. Sir Herbert Nield replied that the enemy had violated every line of that Convention, and he did not think we ought to be too scrupulous in a violation which would be an act of humanity on our part.

Lord Mayor As Airman.

The Lord Mayor of London, who, with the Sheriff, was seated

at luncheon at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool street, recently by the Mayor of Hackney (Mr. L. Stanley Johnson) referred to the aeroplane trip he took while in Italy. He said that while he felt he was nearer heaven, whether he was worthy of it or not, the most wonderful feature of the trip, to his mind, was the way the great machine was brought down—as gently and as tenderly as a mother would put an infant into a cradle.

Emigration Bill Fiasco.

There was another curious incident recently in connection with the Government's Emigration Bill. When the Standing Committee met to deal further with the measure, only Mr. Acland, the chairman, and Mr. Hewins, who is in charge of the Bill, were present. Two or three members arrived later, but again a quorum could not be formed, and the chairman dissolved the sitting.

A Dreadful Supposition.

"Very good" characters were given to some housebreakers at Middlesex Sessions recently. "You cannot always argue like that," said Mr. Montagu Sharpe; "suppose a Bishop was charged with housebreaking? It would not help him much to say he had an excellent character."

Sir Douglas Haig's Cousin Married.

The wedding took place recently at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, of Captain Nigel E. Haig, M.C., a cousin to Sir Douglas Haig, and Miss Unity B. Morton, known as Miss Unity Moore, the well-known actress.

"Ticked to Death to Meet the King."

"We have heard so much about your King and Queen, and we are tickled to death to meet them like this," was the comment of a wounded American concerning the visit of the King, the Queen, and Princess Mary to No. 37 Base Hospital, near Deptford, recently. Every patient who could possibly be got out was in the open. Much time was spent by the visitors in the shock wards, and the King chatted with one of the patients who suffered from the illusion that he had been killed three times. "I am glad that you are getting over it now," said the King, smiling sympathetically.

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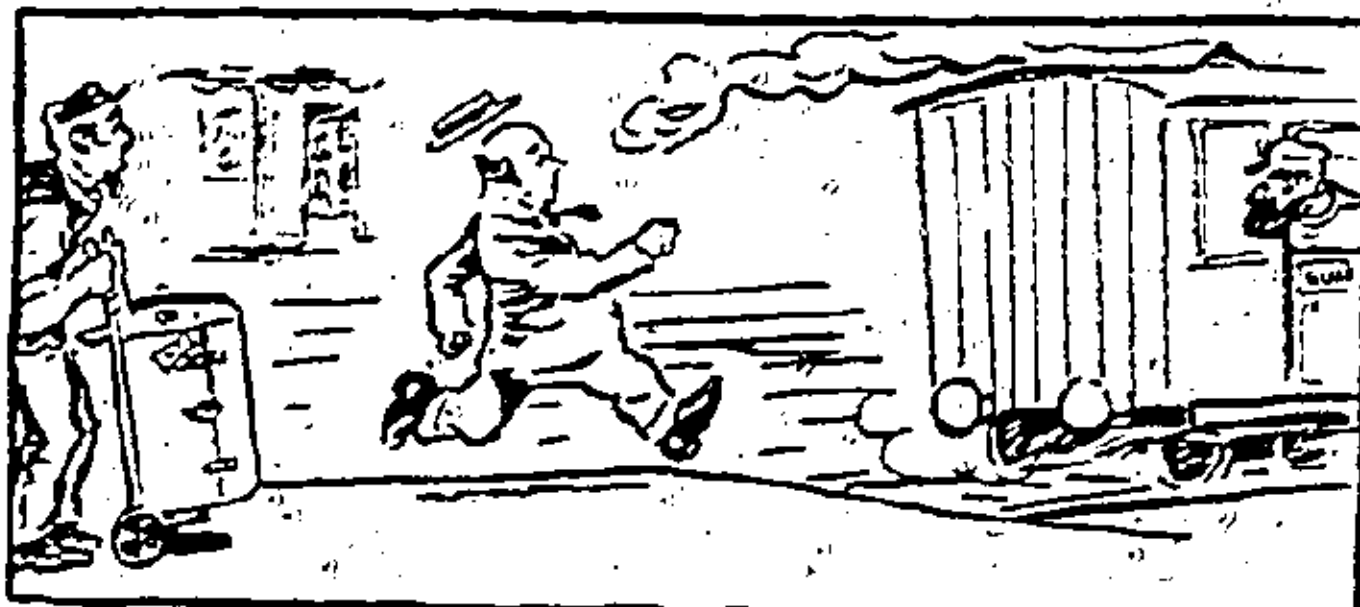
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America Note to Peru and Chile. Chile and Peru have replied in friendly tones to the identio Note presented by the United States, urging upon these republics the supreme importance of adjusting amicably their controversy over the province of Tacna, Arica, and the States Department has announced that both replies are informal and mutually transmitted, and that a Note is expected soon.

Law Court's "Armistice."

Litigants in the Chancery Division, it is said, are showing a disposition to settle their disputes. When it was announced recently in Mr. Justice Sargant's court that certain cases had been settled, counsel remarked that there was a general feeling of "armistice."

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AERIAL TRANSPORT.

A new and wonderful field is opened to the world by the phenomenal progress which has been made in the last few years in aviation. This progress has been achieved so quickly that our minds are not in a position as yet to conceive the magnitude of the thing, nor realise in full the wonderful possibilities of the future. During the war we could only think of the flying machine as a weapon of war, and it is only now that hostilities have ceased and our machines are no longer required for war purposes, that we have begun to regard aviation from another point of view. The advent of the airship has undoubtedly brought about a new era in the history of the world. We have seen the vast and far reaching consequences which have followed in the train of steam and electricity; they have made the world advance further in a hundred and fifty years than it had done before in two thousand. They have made possible the advanced state of civilisation and progress in which the world now stands. And now a new and even greater factor has arrived, and the mind reels at the colossal possibilities which are bound to follow. Even before the war, the sciences of aviation had taken great strides in the direction of perfection, but it is undoubtedly the war which has brought it up to its present state.

Most of the great nations in the world have been fighting for over four years, during which the greatest minds amongst them have given themselves up to the study of this new science. Every day saw new developments in flying, and the vital necessity of keeping abreast with the other belligerents has brought it almost to perfection. Not only has huge progress been made in methods and machines, but the war has trained a great army of skilled airmen, who will be able to turn their energies to great things when the airship takes its new place in the world's work. However perfect the machines, they would have been useless without trained airmen, but the war has seen to this. Aviation can be put on its new footing at once, for all is ready—factories, constructors, machines, and pilots. Just as the flying machine was the greatest factor in the war, so it will be in peace, for it is going to have a stupendous effect on international intercourse and commerce. In this respect it is, of course, only in its infancy, but the great nations are all alive to the consequences, and are already taking the initial steps. The other day a British aeroplane completed a journey from England to Karschi and the latter part of its journey, from Cairo to the above named town, a distance of 2,548 miles, occupied 36 hours of actual flying time.

With express trains and fast steamships, we need to think that we had made vast progress in distance covering, but it is as nothing compared with airship transportation. Airships now exist with a range of over 4,000 miles at a speed of 78 miles per hour. Think what this means. To-day Cape Town is serially only over three days from Southampton, and we can fly to America and back without stopping. With one or two stops, India can be reached in four days and Hongkong in six. It would require a Jules Verne or a H. G. Wells to put in print the overwhelming possibilities of the future, for the ordinary imagination, in contemplating them, runs riot. It has been found that commercially, the airship offers great advantages over the aeroplane, as the comfort of passengers, ease of navigation and safety are the main considerations. The Civil Aerial Transport Committee of the Air Board point out that in the future the airship will soon develop a speed of 100 miles per hour, will be fitted with ample saloons and state-rooms, with a lift to the roof garden, and will be able to remain in the air for over a week. This statement is not made by any sensationalist article-writer, but by a body of hard-headed, far-seeing Government Officials, who know that they are only speaking the truth. It is very likely that in a few years or even less, we may be able to look forward to any part of the world by aerial liner, and instead of sending our merchandise by sea, we will dispatch it by a 100-mile per hour aerial "freight".

How Shall we Shoulder National Debt?

The war has inflicted upon us a vast National Debt. An increase of the National Debt by \$621,000,000 was the outcome of the Napoleonic Wars, but now we have added to it a staggering sum. The National Debt to-day must be \$7,900,000,000. It is a canon of prudent finance not to count too much upon the amount of loans to the Allies, etc., which are probably recoverable—a course that has evoked some criticism since Russia has repudiated her debt to us, which is considerable. There is a good deal of controversy as to the manner in which Great Britain is to meet her war bill. A portion is expected to come from Germany in the shape of indemnities, but what of the balance? The strain upon British credit has been enormous, but we have succeeded in preserving it, partly because we have been able to maintain a foreign trade, which if necessarily diminished in volume was still substantial. Our only prospect of shouldering the enormous National Debt which has been piled up during the war is by the intelligent and efficient organisation of our resources and manufactures. There is an overpowering need for more intelligent and more expeditious means of assisting trade. The resources of the Empire will have to be organised and developed to enable the National Debt to be reduced. Increased production is vital. There is only one source from which wealth can come, and that is the soil and the labour and sweat of men's brows. The greatest inducement should be offered to the people to devote their best energies to increased production and the development of the natural wealth of the British Empire. We could pay the interest and sinking fund of our huge debt if we are determined to organise the Empire's resources.

Deus ex Machina?

We have had thrust upon us since the day the Armistice was signed with Germany various suggested solutions for post-war problems, and the Round Table now makes some admirable suggestions. We discussed yesterday the possibility of making America the trustee of civilisation in the Middle East. The Round Table urges also, that Russia's reconstruction should come from America. The brainless anarchy of the Bolsheviks has plunged Russia into the depths of Hades. The chaos and rapine that prevail over the whole of the vast regions of Muscovy from the Ukraine to the Pacific would make America's task no easy one. In Petrograd itself there is no security for life or property and the Bolsheviks dominate this capital city and the whole country. The Russian resources, from the Baltic to the Black Sea and as far as Siberia, are illimitable, and it is imperative that these resources should be controlled by the Entente—more preferably America—in the interests of good order, government and commercial development. The state of Russia cannot be ignored. The Russian Empire under the monstrous but far from grand rule of humanitarian anarchy and buffoonery is a pitiful sight; and it is the duty of the Allies to help Russia in setting her house in order although she deserted and betrayed the Entente which took up arms in her behalf and helped her most generously against her Teuton foe. Russia allowed the Germans to ruin the Russian army, invade her territories and exploit her interests as they pleased. The Bolsheviks command no respect; the present hope of Russia is based on military power and discipline. Nothing else will restore her prosperity and her international status. The apathy that prevails from Petrograd to Vladivostok should cease and America can undertake a leading part in rejuvenating Russia, and remove the cancer of disorganisation that has eaten so deeply into the soul of a people that a agency has hitherto been able to be summoned to withdraw the only of actually synonymous with

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To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the second anniversary of the issue of President Wilson's Peace Note to the belligerents.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4. 3/16d.

The Health Return.

Yesterday there was notified one fatal case of enteric fever, the victim being a Chinese.

New Chaplain.

The Rev. A. T. W. Dowding, the new Chaplain of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, arrived to-day by the Empress of Japan.

The Lata Portuguese President. It is reported from Macao that none of the flags were flown at half mast yesterday. To-day, however, minute guns are being fired.

Canton Poultry Show.

Entries for the Canton Poultry Show close on Saturday, the 21st inst. As already announced, birds entered for show will be taken to and from Canton free of charge.

Modern Modes.

Our illustrated fashion, feature which appears every Wednesday under the above heading is specially written for the Telegraph and is not contributed to or by Madame Lily or any other local dressmaker.

Queen's College Canton Visit. A football game was played on the Shamshing yesterday afternoon between a team from the Customs House and one from the Hongkong Queen's College. The score was 1-0 in favour of the Customs team. The Queen's College team will return to Hongkong Friday morning, December 20. The visitors to Canton lost all games so far except the tennis. The Queen's College defeated the Canton Christian College in tennis yesterday at Honglok, the score being 2-1 in favour of the visitors from Hongkong.

Crumbs from Magistrate's Table. Mr. C. D. Melbourne is very careful not to incur the wrath of the tin gods on Olympus. He is cautious, indeed, for he ordered that the 20 cents, found on the person of a man who was arrested for being in unlawful possession of a bundle of vegetables, be forwarded to the Poor Box. The poor Poor Box! All that it can receive are the crumbs from Mr. C. D. Melbourne's Court table. If Mr. Melbourne only ordered the \$16,000 which he inflicted on a Chinese woman for smuggling opium to be paid into the Poor Box, how the Sisters of the Poor would rejoice!

Value of a Police Whistle. Nothing frightens a Chinese thief so much as the blast from a Police whistle. The wonder of it is that more people do not carry this useful thing as a protection. Whiles a Chinese contractor was seated in his house yesterday near the Cement Works four men armed with revolvers entered and demanded the key of his safe. The contractor pretended to look for it and in the meantime the room blew his whistle, while his mother rent the air with cries of "Thief, thief!" This so terrified the robbers that they swiftly took to their heels.

"Boxing" Fund.

Boxing of August 28 reprints a statement furnished by us to Inspector Wildin of the sum raised by the Telegraph for Boxing's fund for gloves for soldiers and sailors. It adds:—"Our hearty congratulations to our Far Eastern contemporary for the active and kindly interest they are taking to provide our fighters with the one recreation that matters these days." Elsewhere in the same issue there is a reference to "Hongkong's Great Contribution to the fund by means of the boxing tournament at North Point, the Telegraph account of which is printed and complimentary references made to Mr. F. O. Jackson, D.S.P. (R.) and Inspector Wildin.

TREATMENT OF GERMANS ON THE SHAMSHING.

THE FACTS AS GLEANED FROM OFFICIAL SOURCES.

FULL ACCOUNT OF INCIDENTS LEADING TO THEIR EXPULSION.

("Hongkong Telegraph's" Special Report.)

In view of the many erroneous reports that have been circulated in the Colony in connection with the expulsion of the Germans from Shamshing, we have secured, and are now able to publish, an official account of what actually took place. For the purpose of procuring the facts a Telegraph representative yesterday visited Canton and through the courtesy of Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C. M. G., the British Consul General, and Mr. William Farmer, Chief of Police, had access to all official documents in connection with the matter.

The First Step.

For the sake of continuity, and particularly to emphasise the forbearance of the British authorities, we must go back to the time of China's declaration of war on Germany, and trace, briefly, the events that led up to the final act of expelling enemy subjects from the Concession. After China's declaration of war, the British Consul General at Shamshing, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G., on August 21, 1917, issued the following notification:—

"By her declaration of war on Germany and Austria-Hungary, China having annulled her treaties with these Powers and abrogated all extra territorial rights and privileges hitherto enjoyed by the subjects of these two nations, such of the latter as are resident on the British Concession, Shamshing, are hereby notified that henceforward they are municipally under the supervision and control of this office (British Consulate). (1) They will therefore between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon of Wednesday August 22 register themselves here and will report at fortnightly intervals thereafter on the same day of the week between the same hours. (2) They will not be permitted to go beyond the limits of the Port. (3) They will close their offices and cease to do business on the island. Failure to comply with the above prescriptions will entail expulsion from the Concession and will render the immovable property of the offending party or of those whom he represents liable to an enforcement of the penalty clauses attached to Crown leases. An option is given to the present residents of enemy nationality on the Concession to state by noon on August 22 whether or not they elect to remain thereon under the conditions laid down. No enemy subject not resident on the Concession will be allowed to land on same."

The names of the German residents to whom these regulations applied were:—Frans Wegmann, Georg Alberts, Mr. Albert, K. M. H. Ahrendt, Wilhelm Brockstedt, Mrs. Brockstedt, Benno Greiser, K. A. A. Kastmann, Georg Kruger, John Kullman, Mrs. Kullman, F. E. Lottemoer, G. H. Pieper, W. A. H. Otto, E. Land, Mrs. Land, and Armin Schabert. Benno Greiser, John Kullman and Mrs. Kullman were ordered to leave the Concession immediately (owing to their refusal to comply with the Regulations, those that remained observed the restrictions, but naturally feeling very high.

Use of Band Prohibited.

The climax came on the occasion of the sinking of a Hospital Ship on August 8, 1918, when the British Consul General issued the following order:— "Henceforth, except for purposes of proceeding to and from the jetty, enemy subjects are prohibited from making use of the Band and the path running parallel therewith, during the hours of day-

light. Their connection with a nation which adopts as a policy the wanton and foul murders of Red Cross nurses, helpless wounded and defenceless prisoners of war, places them in the category of moral lepers, and, as such, their appearance in public is an eyesore and an offence to civilised human beings." The abhorrence felt over the sinking of the Hospital Ship was, no doubt, accentuated by the fact that the Germans were in the habit of congregating on the Band and passing objectionable remarks between themselves, sufficiently loud for passers-by to hear.

The Vesting Order.

And so matters went on, until November 18, this year, when Sir John Jordan, from Peking, issued the following Vesting Order, which was duly acted upon by the Custodian of Enemy Property in Shamshing, Mr. W. Farmer, the Chief of Police:— Vesting Order under Regulation 2 of the Trading with the Enemy Regulations 1918.—Whereas by Regulation 2 of the Trading with the Enemy (Enemy Property in British Concession) Regulation 1918 it is provided that the Minister in any case where it appears to him to be expedient to do so may by order vest in the Custodian any leasehold property (including any rights whether legal or equitable in or arising out of leasehold property) belonging to or held or managed for or on behalf of an enemy, or the right to transfer that leasehold property; And Whereas it appears to the satisfaction of the Minister that the undermentioned leasehold properties should be vest in the Custodian, Now therefore I, Sir John N. Jordan, His Majesty's Minister in China, do hereby order that the undermentioned leasehold properties be hereby vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property in China.

Here follows a list of the properties held by the German subjects referred to above. A copy of this vesting order was affixed and a seal attached to the doors of the premises concerned.

British Take Possession of German Hong.

On Thursday November 21, 1918, in the morning, Lieut. Commander Stagg, and the Chief of Police, accompanied by a guard of fifteen blue-jackets, made a search of the German Hong of Jeeben and Co; Reuter Brockelmann, Melchers, Carlwiz and Co; and Siemens and Co. The Germans in charge were warned that if they allowed any damage to be done they would be liable to severe penalties.

On Sunday, December 1, at the request of the Consul General, the Chief of Police and Lieut. Commander Stagg, accompanied by six blue-jackets, formally took possession of the above-mentioned German Hong. Three months' extension was allowed to Mr. and Mrs. Brockstedt on account of the former being blind; further extension of two weeks was allowed to Mr. and Mrs. Kijgens, of Jeeben and Co. owing to their children's sickness.

German Consulate Occupied.

On Monday, December 2, the Chief of Police called upon Mr. Stagg, the Netherlands Consul, in charge of German interests, and requested the handing over of the keys of the German Consulate for the purpose of actually taking over the Consulate on behalf of the British Consul General Mr. Jamieson. He replied that, noting, under instructions of his Minister in Peking, he absolutely refused to hand over the premises to the Chief of Police, the British Consul or anybody else. The

British Consul thereupon instructed the Chief of Police to ask Lieut. Commander Stagg to bring an armed guard ashore from H. M. S. "Hedgehog," consisting of teamsters and a petty officer, fully equipped with side-arm, rifles and ammunition. The party then proceeded to the Netherlands Consulate and repeated the request for the keys of the German Consulate which request was again refused in the same terms. The British Vice Consul thereupon informed the Netherlands Consul that the Concession was leased to the British Government and that His Majesty's Consul General would brook no interference from any other Power and unless the premises were handed over forthwith, he was instructed to take possession of them, by force. The Netherlands Consul replied that he would yield to force and would hand over the keys under protest. The German Consulate was then taken over, in a formal manner, the guard remaining on the premises for 24 hours.

On Tuesday, December 3, a party of blue-jackets, on their own initiative, removed the German Imperial emblems from the German Consulate. The emblems consisted of four plaster crowns on the facade of the building. The armed guard was later withdrawn and the doors of the building closed and sealed.

Some Wise Precautions.

The conditions under which enemy subjects may visit Mr. Stagg, the Netherlands Consul General, who has charge of German interests, are:—

1. Application must have been previously made to the Chief of Police stating name of firm and time of arrival.

2. The visitor must enter and leave the Concession between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. and only by the English bridge on the north and must not bring in or take out or have in his possession anything except papers or account books.

3. Immediately upon his arrival he must proceed direct to the Municipal Police Station and report himself and may there be searched, if necessary.

4. From the Police Station he will proceed under escort direct to the Consul's office and will not be allowed to visit any other place or hold conversation with any other person than the Consul or his staff.

5. The Police escort will remain outside the door of the Consul's office and at the conclusion of the interview will escort the visitor off the Concession.

6. Visitors will not be allowed on Sundays or Bank Holidays and on Saturdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. only.

No Destruction of Enemy Property.

Thus it will be seen that the official part of the affair was carried out in a manner compatible with the traditions of British justice and tempered with a good deal of forbearance. Strict instructions were given, and observed; that there should be no destruction of enemy property and, contrary to current reports, no damage was done in the German Consulate or elsewhere, excepting that two small lithographic prints of the Kaiser and Bismarck, in the German Consulate, were destroyed and also the German name plates were removed from the doors of the Hong. Further, four German Crowns, in plaster, were chipped away from the facade of the Consulate, but this was carefully done and would not be noticed by a stranger unless pointed out. There was no trouble of any kind, although naturally precautions were taken to protect Allied property. For instance, the Chinese authorities were warned that the oil installations of the Asiatic Petroleum Company and Standard Oil Company might possibly be attacked, and a guard was consequently mounted. The Germans were given permission to remove their belongings but no firearms were allowed to be touched and the total value of what was taken away would not amount to more than \$20,000. It seems, however, that the

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toms for Kowloon and District
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ness on the 23rd instant, being
the Winter Solstice, on Christ-
mas Day, and on the 2nd and
3rd January next, being the New
Year Holiday.

T. D. MOOREHEAD,
York Buildings,
Commission of Chinese Customs,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1918.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"KAMAKURA MARU,"

having arrived from the above
ports, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at
their risk in the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-
pany's Godowns at Kowloon,
where each consignment will be
sorted out mark by mark and de-
livery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

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way to Bohemia early in the 15th
century carried thither by
wandering English scholars and
finding a new spokesman in John
Huss. Huss was burnt at the
Council of Constance in 1415 but
the Bohemian people fought for his
doctrines for over twenty years
against the combined forces of
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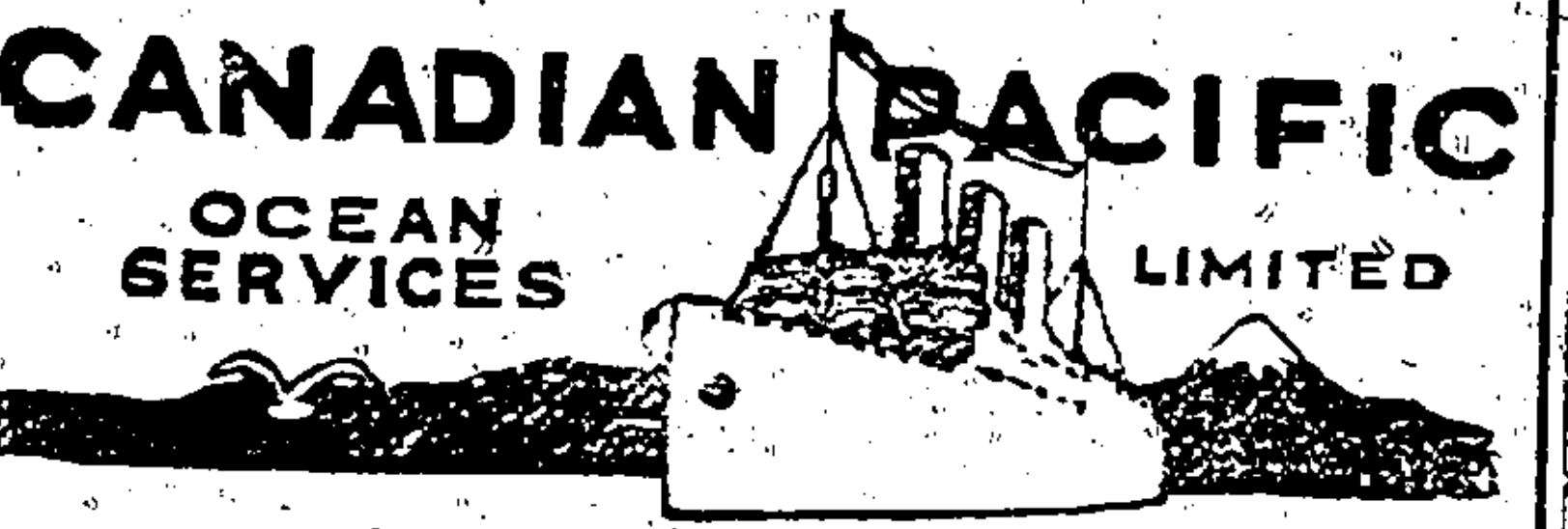
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	*Nikko Maru T. 9,800	Dec. at 11 a.m.
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Tijimaocok	Amoy	28th Dec.	31st Dec.	Batavia
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MANILA	Yuensang	Fri., 20th Dec. at 3 p.m.
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HAIPHONG	Tungshing	Tues., 24th Dec. at 8 a.m.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 27th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE	Van Waerwijck	Sat., 28th Dec. at 3 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE.—This line is temporarily discontinued owing to the war, but at present a monthly service is maintained with Calcutta by the S.S. "KWAISANG" and "VITIM" calling at Singapore and Penang. The former vessel has excellent passenger accommodation, is fitted with Electric Light and Fans, and carries a fully qualified Surgeon.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Japan's Losses.

The Japanese shipowners are making investigations into the extent of the damage sustained by Japan owing to her vessels being sunk by German submarines, with a view to determining the amount of indemnity to be claimed from Germany. The vessels sunk number 32, aggregating 131,514 tons, and the total damage is roughly estimated at ¥160,000,000.

Income Tax Deduction From Awards.

The injustice of deducting income tax from awards to merchant captains and officers for highly meritorious services at sea is a matter which the Imperial Merchant Service Guild took up some time ago with a satisfactory result. But even now the removal of this injustice does not seem to be generally known amongst income tax officials in different places. A well-known shipmaster has recently brought to the attention of the Guild, of which he is a member, that out of an award of one hundred guineas in recognition of meritorious services a substantial amount had been deducted for income tax. The Guild have taken this in hand, and are now informed by the Board of Inland Revenue that they will be prepared to refund to this gentleman the sum of £14 1s 7d.

Proposed Amalgamation of Nautical Societies.

The announcement that at the recent annual meeting of the British Shipmasters' and Officers' Protection Society, Sunderland, a resolution had been adopted, with one dissentient only, proposing amalgamation with the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, has excited a great deal of favourable comment amongst members of the profession which these influential bodies represent. If there is one thing more than another which has contributed of late to the material advantage of the navigating and engineer officers it is the way they have co-operated together and stood shoulder to shoulder in connection with matters concerning their common and mutual interests. This combination has resulted in very effective driving power and concentration of energy and effort. At the conclusion of the discussion on the motion for amalgamation which took place at the meeting of the Sunderland society, Captain Davidson, the president, and one of the best known veterans of the profession, stated that "by coming to the Guild they would gain security, strength and safety"—a statement which evoked loud applause. We understand that the Sunderland society and the Guild are now dealing further with the matter.

Successful Claim For Pension.

In the month of February, 1915, a lieutenant serving in the Royal Naval Reserve lost his life in the Adriatic Sea by his vessel striking a mine, and, as his parents were very largely dependent upon him, an application was made for a pension, full details being given and proof supplied of the degree of dependency which existed. However, it was refused by the Ministry of Pensions the reason given being that "as the father was not totally incapacitated from earning—although only able to take up temporary employment—it was regretted that no pension could be granted to the mother. As the officer who had, unfortunately, lost his life was a member of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, the matter was referred to the secretary in July last, a request being made that representations should be made on the parents' behalf and the whole matter re-opened. The Guild at once went into the case very carefully, having been supplied with full particulars, and finally an appeal was made on the parents' behalf, being based upon the provisions laid down in the Order in Council of the 29th February, 1916, which deals with the position of parents as regards an annual allowance, who may be partly dependent upon the officer who has lost his life. As a result of their efforts the Guild has been informed during the last few days that the mother of the deceased officer has been granted a pension of £50 per annum.

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Changvevan No. 11, China
Wine Shop, from Shanghai.
Tsuehioke, 60 Kaitogi, Quigo,
from Wabuka.
Chen Wokee, from Nagasaki.
Tsungsun, from Shanghai.
No. 161, Wanchayton, from
Shanghai.
Shanghai, from Shanghai.
Leenu Meelun Street, from
Shanghai.
Chongekman Leenu, 23 Yung-
chingai, from Shanghai.
Yipwipo, 3rd Floor 39, Des
Voer, Road, Oct, from Nagasaki.Liuyenshin Kenkee, from
Kobe.
Kwong Cheang Sang, from
Shanghai.
Shunsing, from Osaka.
Kanyasahi, Matsubara Hotel,
from Tokyo.
Lasseigne, from Shanghai.
Szegourgha Tsupienlee, from
Shanghai.

T KRIEG,

Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1918.

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from Takow.

J. K. GIBSON,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1918.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Humour of the Police
Courts.The stars in their courses are
fighting against the Hongkong
law as they fought against
Sisera, what time Jael, the wife
of Heber the Kenite, smote a nail
into his temples. If straws in
the Police Courts are any indica-
tion of which way the wind is
blowing it certainly appears
that hawking has great
attractions for the Chinese
lower-class. It is not all bear
and skittles in the hawking trade
as those who enter this profession
know to their cost when they
enter the portals of our Police
Courts.The Hon. (a bit previous may-
be) Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe is a model
of what a O.S.P. should be.
He has that admirable attribute
of seeing things for himself and
ascertaining the truth of any
complaint. A great wail came
from a market near Jubilee Street
as to how unlicensed hawkers
were cutting into the trade
of the stall-keepers in
the market. These local
hawkers with German tactics are
an eyesore to the Police, so Mr.
Wolfe went down at 3 p.m. yester-
day with Sergeant Shannon,
of the Detective Department, to
ascertain the truth of all this, and
so he met three kiddies--barely
ten years old--who dared sell vege-
tables outside the market without
a licence. They incurred the
wrath of Mr. Wolfe, who seized
hold of one while Sergeant
Shannon secured the remainder
of the booty. For a O.S.P. to
arrest a hawker is a novelty, and
in future years the coming
generation could be told of this.
Mr. O. D. Melbourne had no
alternative, but to order them to
receive six strokes of the birch
each.

Ah Ha and the Lady.

Ah Ha is not an exclamation
of surprise by Mr. O.D. Melbourne,
but a man who got a little
Chinese girl to sell vegetables on
commission. This girl was
charged for daring to do this
without a licence. "Do you
know anything about this lady,
Inspector?" The Inspector kept
it up:--"No, I know nothing
about the lady." The lady girl
was cautioned.

A Tip to Mr. Jenkin.

If all school boys are as plucky
as a student from Diocesan School
who arrested a man while he
was running away with another
person's trousers, we should
think Mr. F. O. Jenkin has fine
material for the Police Reserve
Force. These reserves could be
advantageously tapped.

A Smart Arrest.

Chinese, who are banished by
the Hongkong Government take
their revenge in many ways. One
Chinese who was banished three
times, the last time in January,
1917, for life, was found yesterday
morning with house-breaking
implements, namely, an instru-
ment for picking locks, forcing
doors open, etc. He was brought
up before Mr. Melbourne this
morning, and on the suggestion
of the Captain Superintendent of
Police the man will be committed
for trial at the next Session.
We hope some more of these
house-breakers are roped in, and
take the opportunity of con-
gratulating the Police on the
smart arrest.

A Swimming Contest.

A very exciting swimming
competition took place this morn-
ing in the harbour when two
men from a junk belonging to
the Sugar Refinery Company
and Sergeant Bond competed for
the heats. It appears that as soon
as Sergeant Bond in his Police
luncheon approached the junk the
two men took to the water and
Sergeant Bond plunged headlong
in as well. After a severe struggle
in the water at 3 o'clock in the
morning the two Chinese were
over-powered. These men were
charged this morning before Mr.
J. B. Wood for the Jarvey of 1
ton, 2 cwt. of coal belonging to
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and
Co. The case was remanded.

Mrs. Dyer's Gardener.

Those who turned up this
morning at Mr. J. B. Wood's
Court to sympathize with Mrs.
R. M. Dyer rejoiced to find that
she had not responded to theTO-DAY'S
CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Shanghai, Dec. 12.

Liang Shih-ye returned to
Peking on the 16th inst. He said
he would still stay in Peking but
would take another trip to Hong-
kong before the end of this year.
Li Shing-tok will probably suc-
ceed Liang Shih-ye as Speaker
of the Senate.The Central Government has
sent Liang Tun-yin to Shanghai
to persuade Tang Shao-ye to be
the South's chief delegate to
negotiate peace.A certain foreign Minister has
declared that the Allied Powers
will only recognise one Govern-
ment. Therefore if Wu Chui-shu
(son of Wu Ting-fang) wants to
go to Europe he must be included
as the Central Government's
delegate.Shum Chan-huan has tele-
graphed to Peking saying that
the name and place of the Con-
ference admit consideration, but
questions regarding Fokien and
Shensi must be settled first. Pek-
ing has replied that Shensi affairs
are really due to the bandits, but
Peking is prepared to stop sending
any more troops into Fokien.Chen Kai-kim declares that he
will not proceed to Peking until
the South has appointed its chief
delegate.It is reported that Shum Chan-
huan and Hung Hing will form
a new political party and elect
Fong Kwo-chang as Chief.
Its objects are to recognise
Chen Kai-chung as temporary
President, only, dissolve the old
and new Parliaments, and elect
another Parliament in which
Fong Kwo-chung will be Pre-
sident, Shum Chan-huan Vice
President and Hung Hing
Premier.The On Fook Club has sent
several members to Shanghai in
connection with the peace
negotiations.

DAY BY DAY.

Mr. Denman Fuller.

We are pleased to be able to
report that Mr. Denman Fuller's
progress is satisfactory and that
he will probably be discharged
from hospital during the next
five or six days.

For the Ladies.

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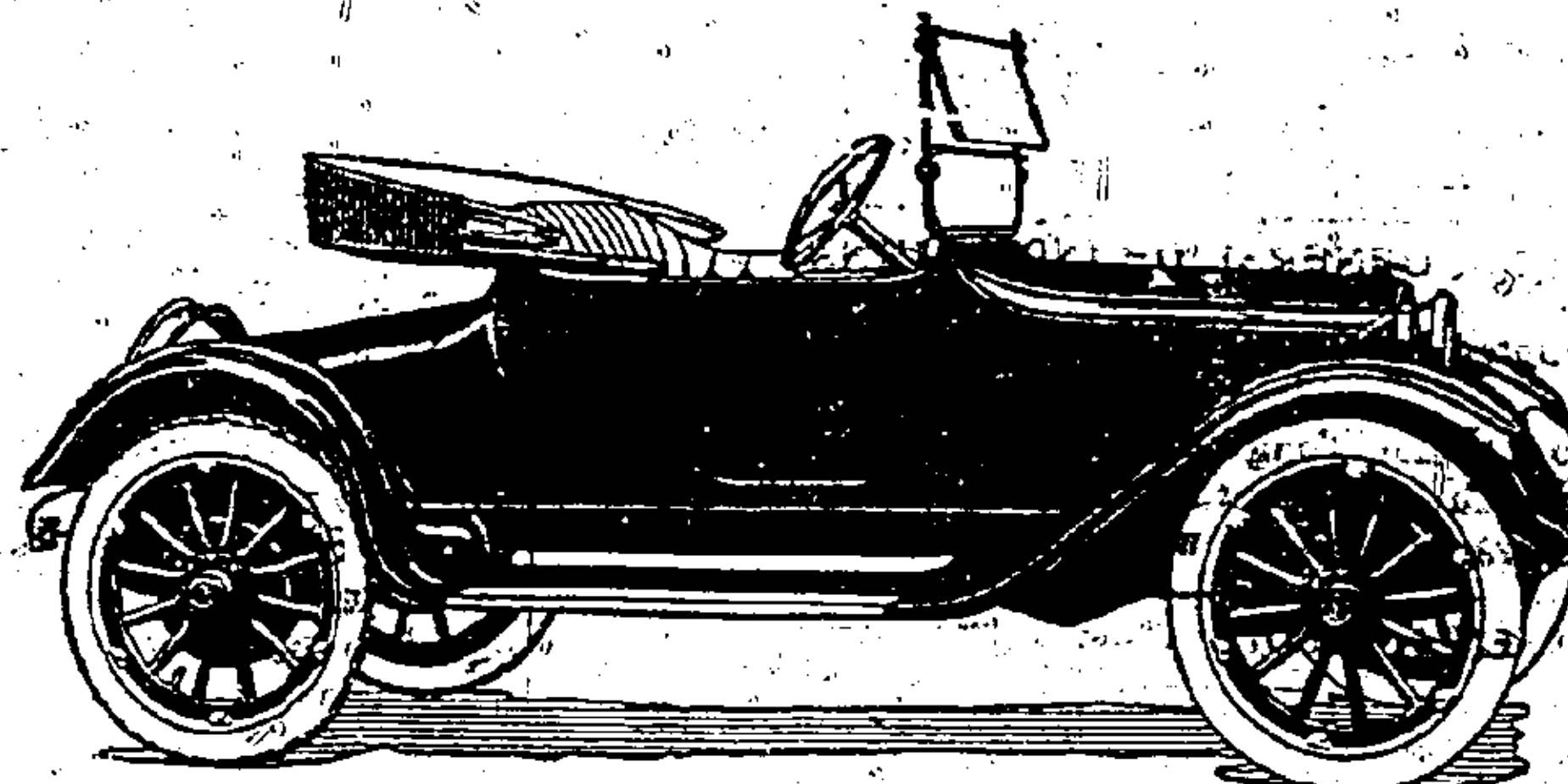
Billiard Handicap.

Last night a large crowd
assembled at the Palace Hotel to
witness the game between Mr. I.
Goodman and Mr. O. Hart.
Both players were back-markers,
owing 250, and Goodman, whose
reputation as a cruet is rapidly
becoming known, was expected
to show some good billiards.
Both players were in good form;
for some time breaks of 28, 28,
25, 24 and several of 15 and 17
coming from both players every
time they went to the table,
until Goodman began to forge
ahead by wearing his opponent
down. Hart, although playing a
good game, failed to keep time, and
Goodman finally ran out winner
by 113, the scores being Goodman
280 and Hart 137. To-night
another excellent game should be
seen, Mr. Green, owes 250, meet-
ing Mr. Vas, owes 180; play to
commence at 9 p.m.invitation, Mr. W. J. Tatchler,
of the Botanical and Forestry
Department, was in Court
in connection with Mrs. Dyer's
gardener who was prosecuted for
cutting down a tree standing on
Crown land. Mr. Tatchler said
that he had made no enquiry.
The forest guard knew about the
case; he did not. The Magistrate
said:--"This man is employed as a
gardener and had instructions to
prepare a garden on the outside
and cut down a tree. Mr.
Tatchler: I am told that the tree
was standing on crown land.
The Magistrate:--What do you
say to do?--Mr. Tatchler:--
Do what you think fit. The
gardener was fined \$10.

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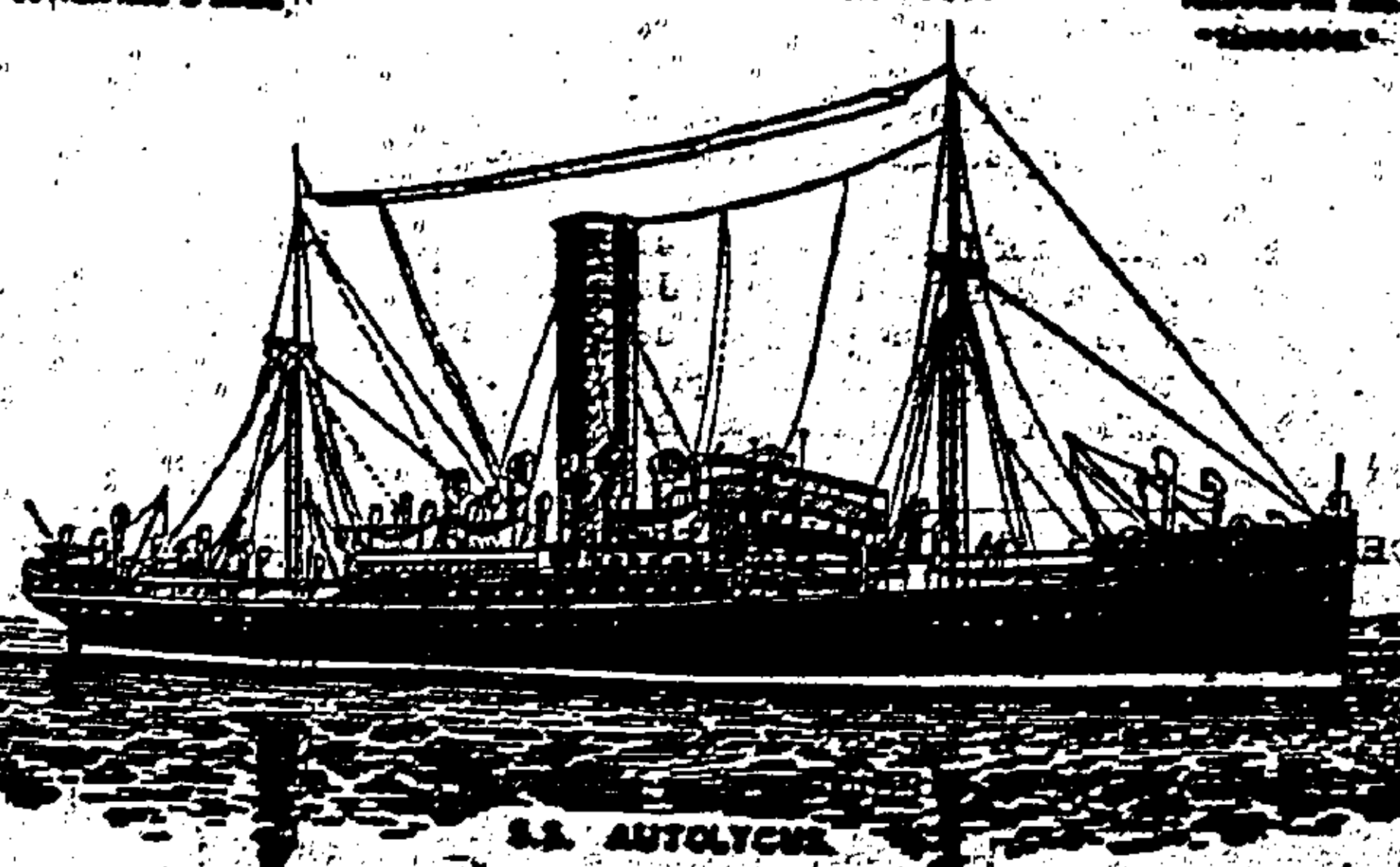
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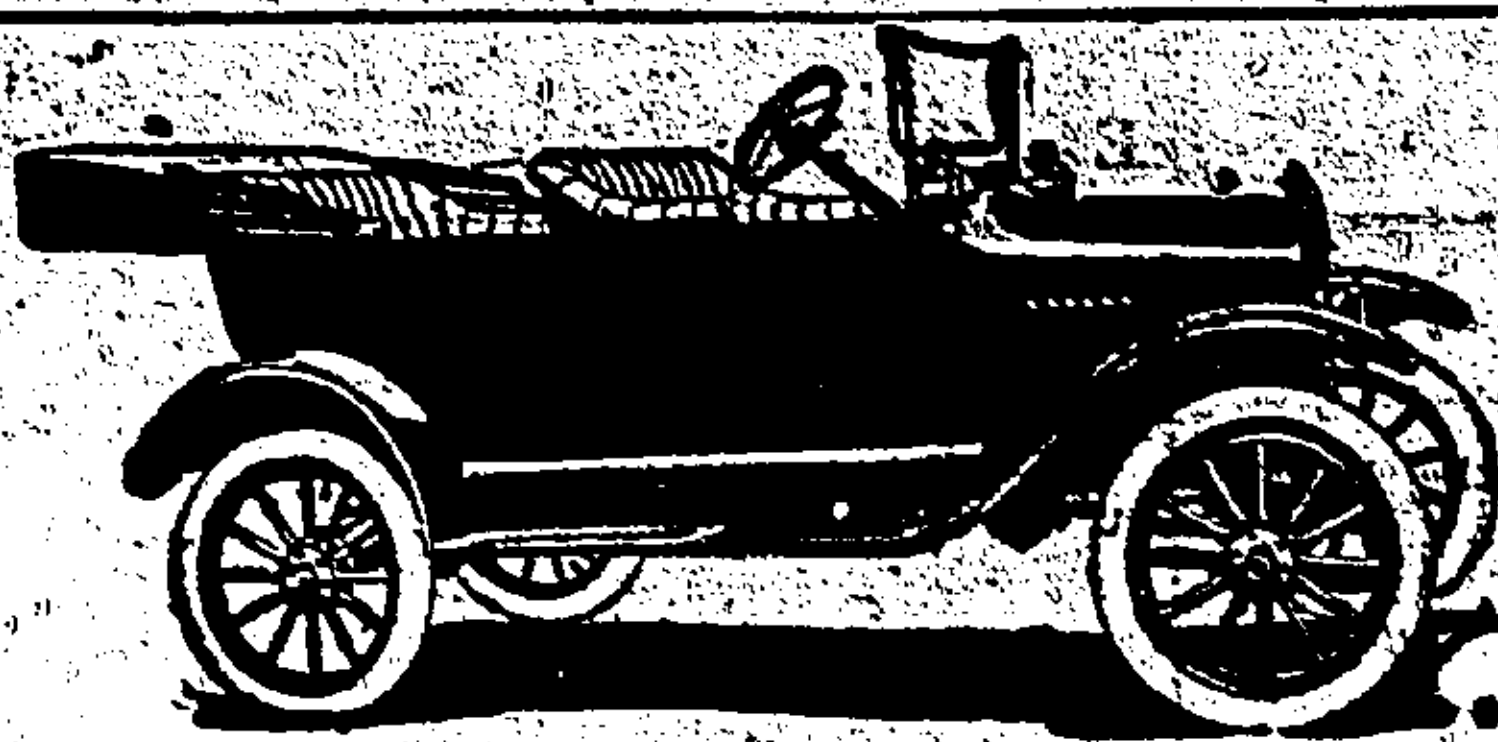
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)
SOUTH AFRICA'S PREMIER.

General Botha Arrives in England.

London, December 17.
General Botha and party landed at Tilbury last evening from the Japanese steamer Iyo Maru from Capetown. They were welcomed aboard by Captain Younger, representing the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and General Botha's son, Captain Louis Botha. The party proceeded to St. Pancras by special train, where a great ovation was accorded General Botha. A guard of honour, of South African troops, accompanied by a band and a springbok, the South African mascot, which attracted considerable attention, awaited on the platform. A large and representative gathering, including General Smuts and also representatives of His Majesty and Mr. Lloyd George, welcomed the South African Premier. Suites of rooms have been reserved at the Savoy Hotel for the party.

Future of German Colonies.

London, December 17.
General Botha, interviewed, said he was pleased to learn that the Imperial Government wholeheartedly supports the claims of the Dominions to the ex-German Colonies. It was impossible for any South African statesman to acquiesce in a policy which would place a disturbing element on the borders of the Imperial Union in future.

GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDO-CHINA.

Attempted Assassination by Ex-Official.

Paris, December 15.
A message from Hanoi, Tongking, says an ex-official attempted to assassinate M. Sarraute, the Governor General of Indo-China, with a revolver. The Governor General was wounded.

MACKENSEN'S TROOPS TO BE INTERNED.

London, December 17.
A message from Budapest says General Mackensen has been informed that the rearwards of his army in Transylvania 2,000 men and 180 officers, will be disarmed and interned by Rumanian troops. General Mackensen has protested to Budapest.

AN ANTI-BOLSHEVIST MISSION.

Paris, December 17.
A message from Constantinople says a Russian anti-Bolshevist Mission, headed by M. Milutinoff, has arrived from Jassy.

COAL STRIKE IN GERMANY.

Riots at Dresden.

Copenhagen, December 17.
A strike is spreading in the Ruhr coalfields. Sixteen thousand are now out and a serious coal shortage is threatened. Fresh riots broke out at Dresden on Sunday, when five were killed and forty wounded.

The Dresden Riots.

Berne, December 17.
There was rioting at Dresden on the 14th inst. Demonstrators pillaging military stores were dispersed by Government troops after several had been killed and wounded.

THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE.

General Allenby Enters Aleppo.

London, December 15.
Official telegrams from Palestine state that General Allenby made a State entry into Aleppo on the 10th inst. with a large escort of Indian Cavalry. The streets were lined by the Fifth Cavalry Division. A crowd of 100,000 watched the procession. The Mayor presented the keys of the city and bread and salt to General Allenby at the gate.

General Allenby, at the Governor's residence, gave an audience to the civil and religious chiefs, Moslem, Christian and Jewish, and the leading citizens, also to the administrative heads, and subsequently addressed the people gathered in the square, amidst scenes of the greatest enthusiasm, testifying to the people's affection for the victorious liberator.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S BATTLEFIELD TOUR.

Paris, December 17.

President Wilson is proceeding to-day on a motor tour of the battlefields, especially the Marne.

THE AUSTRIAN THRONE.

Copenhagen, December 17.

A message from Vienna says a Monarchical meeting, at which several Generals were present, nominated Archduke Max, a brother of the ex-Empress, as Karl's successor. The Soviet is preparing the sharpest counter-measures.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Pennington Street Murder.

The Criminal Sessions were resumed, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz. The hearing of the case in which Lee Yuk-wan, Yeung Yee and Tak Kwan are charged with the murder of a man named Liang Sam at Pennington Street was resumed.

In reply to the Attorney General, Mr. J. W. Henke, Deputy Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, said that the accused had opportunities of communicating with each other while in gaol.

The third accused said that the statement he made when charged was not untrue according to the

interpreter's report, and that when he tried to explain the error, he was pushed into a cell by the police. Also the interpreter said they had done too much work that day and were too tired to spend too much time.

The interpreter, from the witness box, denied that statement.

Further pressed by Counsel for defence, witness again denied the statement.

All the accused were found guilty and sentenced to death, his Lordship saying he would forward to the Government the jury's recommendation to mercy in the case of the first prisoner because of his extreme youth.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

The Programme for Saturday.

The programme for Saturday next in connection with the United Services League is very attractive. The Royal Engineers meet the Navy, which latter team is very much fancied for Championship honours this year as they have a good team with plenty of capable reserves. The Royal Engineers on the last occasion they met the Navy were weak, but at their strongest they will find the Navy a hard nut to crack and the Navy should expect both points. The R. G. A. will meet South China, the last meeting of these Clubs ending in draw after South China led in the early portions of the game by two clear goals. After their smart win over the Club on Saturday, R. A. will be expected to win, but a fine game should result anyhow.

In the 2nd Division, St. Joseph's will have no difficulty in winning against South China Reserves as the former team last season was equal to the Senior Chinese team and this year are playing in great form. The 83rd and 88th Coy. also try conclusions, and the University and 87th Coy. will play on Friday evening owing to the University's difficulty in raising a football team on Saturday, when there are so many other sporting events engaging the University players. The teams and officials are as follows:—

United Services League.—Royal Engineers v. Navy, Navy ground, referee Mr. Peggall, kick-off 4 p.m.; R. G. A. v. South China, Club ground, referee, Mr. Leach, kick-off 4 p.m.
2nd Division League.—St. Joseph's v. South China, Navy ground, referee Mr. Townsend, kick-off 2.30 p.m.; 83rd Coy. v. 88th Coy, Club ground, referee Mr. Stevenson, kick-off 2.30; University v. 87th Co. R.A., Navy ground, Friday 20th, kick-off 4 p.m., referee, Mr. Tucker.

THE COMMODORE'S "AT HOME."

Enjoyable Function on the "Tamar."

A very enjoyable "At Home" was given by Commodore and Mrs. Gurner, on H.M.S. Tamar last evening. About 350 guests were present, including His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Oland Severn, C.M.G.) and His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major General Ventris).

The first part of the programme consisted of musical items and recitations and the latter half was devoted to dancing. Mrs. Kennett was unable to play the violin, owing to the illness of her daughter, but the gap was very kindly filled by Mrs. Bell, who sang with great effect, and Mr. G. W. Beeswick, who told amusing Lancashire stories. Mr. Anderson, the Peruvian Consul, also sang, and disclosed the fact that he has a fine light baritone voice. The Band of H.M.S. under Bandmaster Finch, was in attendance.

Water Main Bursts.
This afternoon at the bottom of Lee House Street, near the ferry, where road repairs are being carried out, a water main burst and a huge jet of water, many feet high, spouted into air. It continued for a considerable time and completely stopped traffic in the street.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

By "Enharmonic."

The interest taken, at times, by well-known musical professionals is exemplified by a recent case in which Mme. Clara Butt gave a concert at Camborne, in Cornwall, for the purpose of raising funds for the training of a young local singer, named Miss Gladys Harris, the daughter of a moulder in an engineering work. Madame Clara Butt realised that Miss Harris possessed a contralto voice that only needed proper training to place its owner in the front rank of professional vocalists. The result of the great artist's kindness is that Miss Harris will spend two years in London to study French, Italian and English music, under first-rate tutors.

Cornwall has produced quite a number of front rank singers from among those in the humbler walks of life. Madame Fanny Moody, the wife of Charles Moody, who is a *prima donna* of Royal Italian Opera at Covent Garden, was the daughter of a photographer, in a small way of business, in Redruth.

Madame Clara Butt's interest in the young singer reminds me of the case of Marie Hall, the violinist. Before she became famous, Marie Hall fiddled in the streets of London to keep herself and her infirm parents. She knew she had a fine gift as a violinist and she determined to get a hearing. Accordingly she waited upon Kubelik after he had given a performance at Queen's Hall one day and was so persistent that the Hungarian genius consented to give her a hearing. The result is pretty well known. Kubelik was so struck with Marie Hall's playing that he sent her to Prague to study under his old master, Smetak.

It is a great pity there are not more facilities for the training of gifted musicians who cannot afford to pay the high fees charged by well-known tutors. There are, of course, many scholarships, but competition for these is nearly always barred the poorer classes by the financial question.

I notice from a Singapore paper that the O'Brieny trio—piano, violin, and cello—are shortly to open a season in that city. It may be presumed that Hongkong will be included in the tour, so there is most likely a musical treat in store for local music lovers.

I had the good fortune to travel on the same steamer with these talented Russian youths some five or six years ago, when they were touring with Maud Allan. The pianist, Mischel I think, amused the passengers by insisting upon practising in the music room before breakfast in his pyjamas. We did not mind that, so long as he played, and there was a regular rush for the music room every morning. These boys are not music mad. They were quite normal and peculiarly took a keen interest in bridge, at which game the pianist and the cellist excel.

One of the most pleasing traits of Paderewski is his modesty. I remember hearing him play excerpts from his opera "Mazur" some years ago, at the Crystal Palace in the afternoon. As is usual when the great pianist performs, the audience was roused to a wild pitch of enthusiasm and Paderewski conceded four encores and a huge jet of water, many feet high, spouted into air. It continued for a considerable time and completely stopped traffic in the street.

TREATMENT OF GERMANS ON THE SHAMEN.

(Continued from page 4.)

troyed trees and plants in their gardens, but this was speedily stopped.

The unofficial part of the proceedings were of a minor character, the chief thing being the fixing of a Union Jack on the top of the flagstaff over the roof of the German Consulate by Petty Officer Joyce, who climbed up the flag-staff, at the risk of his life, the pole being rotten, and fixed the flag above the truck. The sailors went over the Consulate afterwards but no damage was done and all the German property remains intact and is at the disposal of the British Government.

A Canard Exposed.
With regard to the rumour that bombs and arms were found in the German Consulate, this is another canard. The facts are that when war was declared the German gunboat Tsingtau was interned and two machine-guns, some rifles and a small quantity of ammunition were removed to the German Consulate, with the knowledge of the British authorities, by the Dutch Consul.

The looks of the machine guns were removed and nothing in the nature of a bomb was found. When the order of November 2, was issued, Lieut. Commander Stagg suggested that these arms be removed to his ship, which was done. Four sailors from the Tsingtau are lodged in the Chinese Admiralty building, and the German civilians are mostly now in Tongchuan and Honam and some have been provided with quarters by the big matting manufacturers in Tongshan.

Club Life.
The British in Shamen appear to have been very tolerant. The Germans were allowed the usual use of the Club and it was not until the sinking of the Lusitania that they were asked to resign. Tonight, a resolution is to be moved that no enemy subject or any subject of any nation which is or may have been an ally of Germany or Austria, in the European War, shall be eligible for election to the Club or admitted as a visitor.

Relief at German Departure.
The Armistice celebrations were of a more or less spontaneous character, there being no time for organisation. There is a general feeling of relief in the Concession over the departure of the Germans and it would be a bold Hun who would risk returning for very many years to come.

Baronet Killed in Action.
Brigadier-General Sir W. A. I. Kay, 6th Bar, C.M.G., D.S.O., is reported killed in action. He served with distinction in the South African War, and in the present war since 1914, being wounded. He was unmarried, and leaves no heir.

Will the Pope Leave Rome?
According to what is reported by Italian papers the Pope will leave Rome and seek his residence somewhere else on the restoration of peace. Anxiety about the spread of Bolshevist ideas or the speed of the Italian Government is said to be the cause of this contemplated step.

of the motor car). The player lost further time—repeatedly coming on the platform and bowing but still the audience asked for more. In the end, the player resorted to a very ingenious device to get away without appearing to be ungenerous. He appeared on the platform for a last time and was followed by six burly servants. Whilst the pianist was bowing his final acknowledgments, the servants solemnly preceded to remove the legs from the piano and carry the instrument away.

CRICKET.

Hongkong C. C. v University.

The following will represent the Club on their ground on Saturday 21st December at 2.15 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Captain), R. M. Apetit, O. Brown, F. J. de Rome, D. E. Donnelly, Capt. E. H. Gray, Major W. P. Hammond, M. M. Mass, F. Sutton, E. R. Thomas and B. P. Thurefield.

THE CANTON LOTTERY.

Macao Lady Wins First Prize.

The winner of the first prize of the Canton lottery is Mrs. Borges, of Macao. This fortunate lady is the widow of a deceased Major in the 14th Portuguese Infantry. The total amount of the prize is about \$10,000.

THE GIRL WHO SHINES.

A Secret of Feminine Charm.

It has often been remarked that at any dance or party, the girls with a knot of young men round them are not those who are best dressed, or even most beautiful, but those with a certain attraction of manner and person for which it is not always easy to account. An observant doctor, with long experience of family practice, said: "The real secret of feminine attraction runs in the veins. A woman with a full supply of healthy red blood needs no beauty: she has a kind of magnetism in her which no make-up can resist."

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Factors in Eastern Trade.

At the weekly meeting of the Aberdeen Rotary Club a paper on the Extension of Commercial Education in the Eastern Trade, by Dr. B. D. Keith, Principal of King Edward Medical School, Singapore, was read. Pathetic interest was attached to the paper, as Dr. Keith had passed away on that day at the residence of his brother at Turiff. The paper dealt with the factors which aided the nations in their trade with the Far East, especially Germany, whose chief aids were Government subsidies to shipping and other branches of trade, a system of long credits much approved of by the native and willingness to adapt the nature of their imported goods to the needs and ideas of the native, and went on to state that the whole a youth coming out to an Eastern firm had largely to make his own way and learn much by tradition. The first thing to do after their first tentative venture, in seeing how things were going to issue, was to get sufficient funds to pay an adequate teaching staff well. The second point was to make the teaching entirely practical, so far as that was possible, and the third point was to see that the subject taught referred immediately to the particular trade centre in which the students were situated. After the war women would take a much larger share in commerce and trade at home, but they would not do well in the East; they were quite untrained for it. We must learn to think of ourselves more as trustees of British supremacy and success than as potentially successful individuals.

Oil From State.
The new Swedish State Oil Company, which has a maximum capital of sixteen million kroners, is producing oil from shale, of which there are large deposits in the country. Only about 14 to 21 barrels per day are expected at first; but in about two years this will be increased to nearly 200 barrels per day.

U. S. Trade With Russia and Poland.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Plans for resuming general trade with parts of Russia and Poland are disclosed by the announcement of the War Trade Board that applications will be considered for import licenses for commodities, the chief of which are platinum and various hides and skins, fuel, sulphur and various

kind of seeds. Shipments will be made via the Pacific and steamers will be allocated by the United States Bureau of American Wireless.

Iron-Ore "Discovered" in Dutch Indies.

The Dutch East India Archipelago Review, a Batavia monthly publication in English which promises to prove a very useful and successful commercial journal, has a distinctly amusing article in the August number taking off Government methods of exploitation. Referring to certain iron ore deposits, it says that first of all in a certain district where iron ore has been known for the past fifty years to exist, the existence of this ore is suddenly "discovered," the discovery being followed by much commercial rejoicing. State engineers are sent to make a close investigation. They conclude that the deposits will last only a hundred years when worked in an exhausting way. Nothing more is heard but it is understood that dreadfully secret experiments are being made with the ore in Government laboratories. Eventually a report is issued and the report gives a very careful survey of the iron-ore deposits of the whole of the Dutch East Indies. They receive great praise for this, so much in fact that they contemplate overhauling the whole knowledge about the Archipelago. Stupid people however ask what has been found out about the iron ore deposits of this particular spot, so in order to satisfy them another investigation is commenced, this time into the possibility of a coke industry. A full description of how coke is made in other countries is compiled and the question is then gone into as to whether steel ships could be built in the Dutch East Indies to transport the iron ore. Plans are now drafted and brought before the House of Representatives at the Hague and the question is immediately discussed upon the lines as to whether iron ore deposits ought to be wholly or partially worked by the State. This causes such a divergence of political opinion that the existence of the Cabinet is threatened and another matter has to be raised to tide affairs over. Meanwhile, no one is a fraction the wiser about the particular iron ore deposits which formed the matter of enquiry, but ten or twenty years hence when the Dutch Indies are overrun with cheap foreign iron, the deposits will be once again "discovered."

250,000 NEW HOUSES.

Progress of National Scheme.

Of the 300,000 new houses which, it is estimated, will be required after the war, nearly 250,000 have been promised by local authorities, with the financial aid of the Government. Sites are being selected, and designs are under consideration. The Government have circulated model plans, and the Royal Institute of British Architects are publishing the approved designs resulting from local competitions throughout the country. In the selection due attention must be given to the character of local architecture. A design which might be suitable for a manufacturing town in Lancashire would be quite out of keeping in rural surroundings. The work is to be done by local architects, and there will be a very wide choice of designs.

It is understood that the provision of building material is receiving the close attention of the Ministry of Reconstruction. In addition to the financial aid to be given to local authorities assistance is also being offered to public utility organizations. A deputation from the Federation of British Industry will be received by Mr. Hayes Fisher when the question will be fully discussed. Mr. Hayes Fisher on Finance.

At a conference of representatives of the county boroughs of Lancashire and the West Riding of Yorkshire at Sheffield recently the opinion was expressed that the annual liability on approved housing schemes entered upon by local authorities for the first seven years should not exceed a penny rate, and that afterwards the whole of the deficit should be defrayed by the Government. Mr. Hayes Fisher said he thought the Government scheme was the best that had been produced. Whenever he approached the Chancellor of the Exchequer on this question of housing he was frowned at. The Government had come to the conclusion that there was no likelihood of an economic rent being produced from these houses for some years after the war, therefore the Government scheme was that they would bear the loss with regard to 75 per cent. of the expenditure, the local authority to bear the loss on the remaining 25 per cent. If that came to more than a penny rate, the President of the Local Government Board was to

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He had also been asked whether the Restriction Act was to be regarded only as a war emergency expedient. His own opinion was that it would be far better to set up fair rent courts than to continue a very crude Act of this sort. Land must be obtained at a reasonable rate and if it could not be thus obtained under present powers the Government must see that this matter was not allowed to be an insuperable difficulty.

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